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Hammond Revival

64 PROFESSIONS THROUGH SUNDAY; MANY MEN SAVED

At the earnest insistence of pastor and church, we are continuing the revival services at Pine Street Presbyterian Church, Hammond, through Friday night, February 23rd. Despite sleet and snow yesterday afternoon (Sunday), the church auditorium and Sunday school auditorium were filled and people were seated in Sunday school rooms and reached by the loud speaker attachment. Throughout the day six men, heads of families, made public profession of faith in Christ besides three boys in the afternoon service and a number of conversions and reclamations in the Sunday school. To date about sixty-four have made public professions in the services besides ten or twelve, I suppose, in the Sunday school. A large proportion, I think more than half, of those coming out for Christ have been men, heads of families. There are remarkable evidences of the work of the Holy Spirit. More than two hundred by count attended an afternoon service Friday.

Afterwards on the sidewalk, I said to a woman, "Are you a Christian?"

"No! No!" she cried, and burst into tears with her hands over her face.

Then the lady in whose home I was to rest said that this friend had wanted to come to talk to me about her soul. In the home a little later she unburdened her heart to me and we talked for an hour. She didn't believe in Hell, she was offended because personal workers spoke to others Sunday night, and she didn't like my preaching. Yet as she began to weep again she said that she hadn't had any peace or rest since Sunday night when she had heard me preach. She didn't believe in Hell, but she was afraid of death and what was beyond it, and felt she must get some things settled. I explained that if she would open her heart, surrender to the Saviour and trust Him, He would fix all the questions that were bothering her head. Bit by bit her mind and heart opened to the gospel until she was ready to claim Him as Saviour, and did.

Such testimony of transformed homes! One man told the singer how changed things were at home. He would come in from work tired to find the fires nearly out and many things to be attended to while the wife and children read or rested. But since this revival, he is treated like a prince at home, and his heart delights in the transformation — work done, his needs cared for, and himself loved and revered! And the wife is evidently about the happiest person I have ever seen. She is bubbling over every day with praises. She got her grown son the other night and brought him to the Saviour. They have started tithing. And personal soul winning is the burden of both husband and wife. How their faces shine!

Saturday afternoon the pastor, Rev. Hueston, won a man to Christ who had been a member of the church many, many years. He said he had kept hoping that if he was good to his family, paid his debts and lived a clean, upright life, that he would be all right. But Brother Hueston asked him to come over to the pastor's home and bring his glasses. And there

Dallas People Read

John R. Rice home for all services at Galilean Baptist Church, Sunday, February 25. Come praying; expect blessings. Bring offering for Building Fund.

the dear old man for the first time definitely trusted Christ. He stood before the congregation and wept for joy Sunday morning. His hair was white and the tears that trickled down his nose were like jewels!

Another man with gray hair saved Sunday morning has been a reader of *The Sword of the Lord* for some time, has read a number of booklets by the editor, and so came to hear him preach. A most interesting detail is that a man, a former Catholic who had only been saved a week, went to this man and took his arm and as far as I could tell, without a word led him to the front to confess Christ.

Sunday morning another man claimed Christ who had heard me preach and teach at Fort Worth years ago. God used the sympathetic bond between two Texans to cause him to give himself completely to Christ and claim Him openly.

Last night two men were saved, both of whom have attended throughout the revival. When the first one came to Christ, he came down the aisle and as he held my hand, he said over and over again, "Thank you, thank you!"

When the verse of the song was done, he turned and said to the congregation, "Thank all of you. Thank you!" He meant to thank them for their prayers and the widespread interest in his soul. A group of the elders of the church stood at the front and rejoiced with these new converts, and all over the church people laughed and cried for joy.

Last Friday night I told the following illustration. At the funeral (CONTINUED ON PAGE 2)

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A New Heart: Why You Need It And How To Get It

BY EVANGELIST JOHN R. RICE

(Sermon preached Sunday morning, February 18, 1940, on The Gideon program, WWAE, Hammond, Indiana.)

It is a joy to be here with these Gideons. Let us read in John, chapter three:

"There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews: the same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him."

Jesus must have felt greatly complimented. A lot of hypocrites in the pulpits now go around and call Jesus "Good teacher." He doesn't appreciate it, and I don't either. If He isn't God in the flesh, then the Bible is a pack of lies and Jesus is a hypocrite, and we are of all men most miserable. Jesus said, "No, Nicodemus, I am not going to be complimented, because you think I am a good teacher when I claim to be God. Jesus answered:

"Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

"Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb and be born?"

"Jesus answered, Verily, verily I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of

the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit."

Now "born of the flesh" is not the same as born of the Spirit, and born of the Spirit is not the same as born of the flesh. Then again, in verse seven, Jesus said:

"Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again."

Those are the words of Jesus Christ. "Ye must be born again!" These days a lot of people know nothing about a new birth. I was in Petersburg, Illinois, and on the street one Saturday afternoon I preached on "Ye Must Be Born Again." The next morning as I stood in front of the church, a man came by and said, "Brother Rice, I heard your message yesterday afternoon. That is the first time I ever heard anything like that. I don't know whether I have been born again or not. I have been an elder in a Presbyterian church for thirty years, and I never heard anybody preach on 'Ye must be born again.'"

You had better find out. We had better come back and preach like Jesus preached. All of you preachers who don't preach like Jesus preached ought to get out of the pulpit! Jesus preached, "Ye must be born again!"

Oh, Nicodemus was one swell guy, to be sure. The Pharisees were all "good men." They fasted, they gave tithes, they were not extortioners. They lived good clean lives. He was a humdinger in man's sight, but not in God's sight. Jesus said, "Ye must be born again."

"What? Me? I, a religious leader, a member of the Sanhedrin?" Nicodemus said. "I don't understand it. How could I need to be born again?"

Jesus said, "That is what you have got to have anyway. Marvel not that I say unto thee, ye must be born again."

Nicodemus came at night — saved his reputation, I suppose. But he would certainly be ashamed to have people know he needed a new heart!

A lot of you think it is a horrible thing to have to be born again. One woman sent me word and said, "Pray for me. I am not a Christian. I have been a member of a Baptist church for the past twenty-two years. I couldn't come out now and admit that I have never been born again. It would break my husband's heart. I would be shamed before all my friends."

I told her she had better be embarrassed now than to be embarrassed when she got in Hell when it would be too late. The next night she came weeping and confessed she had been in the church all these years but had never come to Christ and had a new heart given her and been born again.

I tell you, my friends, it is a mighty serious business. The churches are full of people, and Hell is full of people who were in the churches, who have never been born again. I know there are many, many born-again good Christians, but if you don't know you have been born again, you are in deadly danger of the ruin of (CONTINUED ON PAGE 2)

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God's Part, Our Part, and The Sinner's Part in Salvation

BY JOHN R. RICE, D.D.

(Stenographically reported sermon as preached in Galilean Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas, Sunday morning, September 3, 1939.)

Turn to Romans the tenth chapter and begin reading with verse nine. I am going to speak this morning on *God's Part, Our Part, and the Sinner's Part in Salvation*. I will speak briefly and to the point. We will read through verse fifteen. I want you to read these seven verses with me carefully. Suppose you read aloud with me.

"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved."

"10. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

"11. For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed."

"12. For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him."

"13. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

"14. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?"

"15. And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things."

Thank you very much.

Prayer: Lord, open our hearts. We pray that we may learn Thy Word and that Thou will impress, teach, and bless here for Jesus' sake. Amen.

God's Part In Saving Sinners

What does God do to save sinners? God has to make some provision before any man can do anything about salvation.

Well, first of all God has to punish sin. God can't save a sinner and ignore sin. God is not a Christian Scientist. God can't say that there is no such thing as sin. If I am going to have a God and look to Him, I must be able to trust Him to do right. If God does not care between right and wrong, I can't love Him, I can't trust Him and I can't serve Him. God must punish sin. That means God must have it clearly agreed that there must be a Hell for sinners. There is no such thing as God dealing with the sin question without first punishing sin. There has to be a Hell for sinners. There is a law, "The soul that sinneth, it shall die." When God says, "Thou shalt not," man cannot ignore it and God cannot ignore His own law's violation. There is a certain thing we have to be saved from. God must punish sin to be a just God and a

good God, an honest God, a God people can trust, and therefore God must arrange to punish sin.

Now beyond that, if God is going to save people, God must make some righteous way to get around the sin question. There are none to be saved except sinners. "There is none righteous, no, not one" (Rom. 3:10). Our conscience condemns us, the Bible condemns us, our neighbors see that we are condemned. Our own hearts tell us we are sinners, and we can't get away from the fact of sin. Now if God is going to save sinners, He must arrange some honest way, some righteous way to get around the sin question. Sin must be punished. Sin has to be paid for. You can't get by with sin. You can't sin and God not pay any attention to it. So God has prepared a plan by which He could honestly punish sin and yet righteously save sinners.

God said, "I hate sin." God says, "I will punish sin," and God says, "I will let My own Son take all the sin in the world, and when He takes that sin upon Himself, I will let Him die like a sinner and suffer like any sinner, and taste death for every man." God must provide a way of salvation, and that He did.

The first part of this tenth chapter of Romans teaches about the righteousness of God. He says, "I know the Jews are zealous. They have a zeal of God, but the trouble is, they go about to establish their (CONTINUED ON PAGE 3)

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of dear Brother Matthews, the father of our Matthews family in Dallas, I had charge at the grave. When I asked any who were unconverted, not ready to meet their loved ones in Heaven but wanted our prayers that they might be saved, to indicate it by unlifting hand, a gray-haired man, seventy-one years old lifted his hand.

After the benediction, I went to him and said, "And you say you are not a Christian?"

"No," he answered, "I am not. I don't know how to be saved."

"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ," I said, "That is God's way to be saved."

"But," he answered, "I don't know what you mean by believing. I don't know how to believe."

I asked God to show me how to reach his heart, and immediately these words came to mind and I said, "Christ died for sinners. All you do is furnish the sinner and God furnishes the Saviour!"

The dear old man began to chuckle, laughing and crying at the same time, and with the tears running down his cheeks, he said, "Well, I can certainly furnish the sinner." And he did, and later came to the church and confessed Christ openly.

Friday night I told that story and said that all one needs to do is furnish the sinner since God furnishes the Saviour. A man who had gone far in drink came to trust Christ. He went to the inquiry room for further teaching and prayer. When the service was over, he came across the building to shake hands with me, his face wreathed in smiles, and he said, "Well, I furnished the sinner!"

His wife came back as a backslider the same night.

One of the Catholics who was gloriously saved took a big bunch of circulars to the plant where he worked, I think a steel mill. He went to the Catholic foreman for permission to put the circulars up on the bulletin board. The foreman immediately reproached him for going to a Protestant meeting and refused to allow the circulars to be put on the bulletin board. But the happy new convert didn't accept no. He urged his foreman to come to the services and hear for himself, and that he must be born again. The foreman finally said, "Well, if you can convince me you are right, you can put up the circulars."

The new convert replied, "Well, it convinced me, and you can see what it has done for me. That ought to be enough to prove it to you."

So the Catholic foreman surrendered and the circulars were put on the bulletin board!

The new convert went outside and wanted to put up circulars outside when a policeman interfered. But immediately this new convert, happy in the Lord and his new-found light and joy, began to tell the policeman all about the revival. Finally the policeman said, "Well, I am a Presbyterian, too, so I guess I will have to let you put up the circulars."

So he did! It is wonderful how strongly the Word of God has gotten hold of these new converts and how eager they are to get others saved.

Sunday afternoon a man who received great blessings, he said, from my service at the Cedar Lake Evangelistic Bible Conference last summer, drove seventy-five miles and brought his brother to the services. As they came to shake hands with me after the message, the brother came to Christ and happily claimed Him as Saviour.

Many pastors have attended the services, usually some three to five a night. We have had delegations from the First Baptist Church, Harvey, Illinois; from Central Baptist Church, Gary, Indiana; from

Marquette Manor Baptist Church, Chicago; from Central Baptist Church, East Chicago; from Hessville Baptist Church, and of course great numbers from the First Baptist Church, Hammond, where I spoke last November. We have had present also pastors from two or three Christian churches, from the Protestant Methodist Church and others of various denominations. The Salvation Army orchestra has played for us two or three times.

Last Sunday it was my joy to speak again on the Gideon Gospel Hour program in Hammond, radio WWAE. Saturday night I spoke in Hessville Baptist Church which was packed to the doors with extra chairs in the aisles and in the space about the rostrum, and others going back into the Sunday school rooms where they could hear but could not see. Tomorrow morning (Tuesday) I am to speak in the chapel of the Northern Baptist Seminary, Chicago.

More and more I feel impressed that the essential element in a revival is the moving of the Spirit of God. Let us seek to be filled with the Holy Spirit and then depend upon Him to guide all our labors and empower all our preaching and witnessing.

Written Tuesday

After the above was written, the editor went to Hammond last night. The snow had turned to rain, cold and chilling. The streets were sloppy and filthy. I felt I would be glad when Monday night was over. I had preached four times Sunday, I had preached Saturday night. I had dictated and planned through the day for this paper. I had had an interview with two ministers about a revival. I prayed the dear Lord would help me collect my thoughts and prepare my heart to preach on the announced subject, "Broken Hearts and Broken Homes — the Call of God."

But even though it was a rainy, sloppy Monday night, the crowd came pouring in, the people's faces bright with expectancy. I suppose thirty or forty held their hands that it was the first service of the revival they had attended! When I preached, praise God, the tired and depressed feeling was gone and I felt again God calling sinners, calling them through His Word, through Christians, through His goodness, calling through sorrow and broken hearts! With the invitation, one woman came at once to confess she had wandered far away from God and was renewing her vows this day. A little girl came weeping to trust the Lord. Before she went to the inquiry room, she told me through her tears that she had already trusted Christ and that He had not turned her down. Later when the service was over, she came to tell me how glad she was that she was saved.

Yonder stands a man between fifty and sixty years of age. He has been here many nights. I have talked to him before, but his heart seemed as hard as a stone. But a little neighbor girl about ten years old goes to him tonight and looks up in his face and pleads with tears. She talked to him last night too, when he wouldn't come. But now the rebellious spirit leaves him. His heart is too burdened to wait any longer, and led by the little girl, he comes to claim Christ. He says to me, "Preacher, if God has all this goodness you talked about, I want my part of it tonight!"

Later in the invitation the little girl who won him to Christ stands weeping still and whispers to her mother. The mother comes and asks me, "Where did they take the old man who came to trust the Lord? My little girl wants to go to him." So the little girl who couldn't wait to see if things were all right with her elderly friend goes to one of the inquiry rooms to find him. And when the service is done, they come back together, both happy and smiling, hand in hand!

Another woman came last night (this cold, wet, sloppy Monday night when the preacher was worn out with traveling back and forth and preaching many sermons and writing) who must be typical of many others. God had helped me to make clear that trouble was the call of God, that He has peace and joy and rest for every burdened heart. She looked into my face and said frankly, "I have had lots of trouble, I need Him." Well, she found Him and definitely committed

her heart and life to the Saviour.

I can't remember all the cases, but there were probably nine or ten who came to claim Christ last night, including one or two backsliders. And I thank God I learned again that revivals depend upon God, not on propitious circumstances, nor on the brilliance or good cheer of the preacher. Where people earnestly seek the face of God, where they turn away from their evil ways and please Him, God comes in power to save and bless.

In the prayer meeting last night preceding the preaching service, the dear man who was formerly a Catholic but who was converted about a week ago, was one who led in prayer. He is the same one who took circulars to his job and out-talked the Catholic foreman and the Presbyterian policeman! While he talked to the Lord very intimately, I listened in and I am sure God didn't mind the joyful laughter that welled up in my heart as I covered my face with my hands and tried not to chuckle out loud. In his rather unorthodox manner of praying, the new convert said:

"Lord, You know the man I went to today and told him I was coming after him tonight. And, Lord, he told me, 'That man down there can't get me to believe the Bible. He can't get me to think there is anything to it.' And Lord, You know I told him, 'Well, I am coming by for you anyway, and you come and see for yourself, and I'll bet you decide there is something to it.' And Lord, You know I went by and got him and now he is sitting out there in the auditorium, and Lord, You save Him!"

The man wasn't saved during the invitation, so the new convert got him by the arm and brought him to me after the service was over. Still rebellious, but deeply shaken, the lost man wanted our prayers and promised to return the next night. Very seriously the new convert said, "Yes, he will be here tomorrow night!" That dear man, just rescued out of the blight of Catholicism and brought into the sweet light and liberty of the gospel does more in his warm-hearted, enthusiastic diligence for God than many a preacher overweighed with theology and with little of the joy and fire of the Holy Ghost upon him!

What with answering Bible questions, joining one and another with prayer for the unsaved loved ones, and rejoicing with the new converts, I missed the 9:35 train back to Chicago. But as I sat in the depot for nearly an hour waiting for the next train, I finished revising for this paper the stenographer's report of the radio message on *A New Heart, Why You Need It, and How to Get It*, then wrote a letter home to a certain lady I am sweet on (I had missed writing her Sunday but called her long distance) and some way as I rode back to Chicago and got to bed just a few minutes after midnight, I had forgotten all about it being Monday night and the cold rain and the sloppy streets and the weariness of the flesh. I was glad I am a preacher, howbeit not a very good one, and gladder yet I am an evangelist. So I laid my head on the sweet promise, "Lo, I am with you always," and thanked the Lord and fell asleep!

Northern Baptist Seminary

This morning it was my deep joy to go to the Northern Baptist Seminary where I have been invited to give the chapel message from 10:45 to 11:30. A good many of the students had heard me over the radio or in the noon-day theater meetings down-town, or in various Chicago churches. Two of the faculty members told me they are subscribers and readers of my paper — so they knew, they said, that I had six girls and such other details as I think are very important! The student body of 250 heard me with most kindly attentiveness. Dr. Charles Koller, the fine president, a Texan, assured them that I must be all right because I was a Texan also. So they laughed at the proper places, and I must say, too, we wept some over dying sinners and together begged God to send us out with tears to win them. The sweet fellowship warms my heart yet as I write. Then Dr. Koller took me to his office where we had a half hour of happy conversation. He assured me of what I had already heard from many sources, that he and the

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your immortal soul. So Jesus said, "Nicodemus, you must be born again!"

We preachers these days are more concerned to have friends, and have everybody pat us on the back and call us Doctor, than we are, I fear, to preach the plain, searching Word of God. We preach so much about God's love, and that everything is fine, and we preach the social gospel. We don't care much about poor, doomed, wicked, Hell-deserving, Christ-rejecting hearts! But Jesus said, you have to be born again.

Notice Jesus said, "You must." He said it three times. First in verse three, "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." He said, "Now, Nicodemus, you must be born again. But I say the same thing about every man, 'Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot see the kingdom of God.' Oh, Nicodemus, you must be born again. You can't see the kingdom without it. You won't get a look-in without it." And verse five: "Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God."

When Jesus said, "Verily, verily," He means, "sure enough." You can bet your bottom dollar. You can just know it is absolutely so, you must be born again. Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

Born of water — that is not outward water, that is a heart cleansing. God said, "You have to be cleaned up. Your foul, wicked heart inside must be made new and cleansed. After you are cleansed, you have got to have a new spirit within you." That is born of water and of the Spirit. God will have to wash you and make you clean and then make you alive (for you are dead in trespasses and sin), or you will never see the kingdom of God.

Nicodemus said, "That sounds fishy to me, that as good a man as I am needs to be born again." But Jesus said, "Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again!" Jesus didn't say, "I advise you, just to make sure I think it would be preferable to be born again." No. No!

One famous educator who has been much quoted said, "There are two kinds of religions, the once-

fine faculty of some fifteen were holding the seminary absolutely loyal to the Word of God without compromising an inch, and that they were earnestly trying to commit every student to a great Spirit-filled, soul-winning ministry.

I go back tomorrow for lunch at the seminary and to speak at a missionary meeting. I thank God for this great school for preachers which is turning the tide among Baptists in Chicago. Orthodox, fundamentally sound Baptists are now in the majority and in the saddle in the Baptist denomination here in Chicago. May God give them yet more boldness and fervor and the power of the Holy Spirit in preaching the gospel and teaching the Word.

Editor Home in Dallas Sunday

With the revival closing, God willing, Friday night, the editor plans to be at home in Dallas next Sunday. He is still pastor of the Galilean Baptist Church until a successor accepts the work. Dr. Robert J. Wells of Waterloo, Iowa, has been called and we hope will accept. Meantime, the editor will preach at all services Sunday at the Galilean Baptist Church (formerly Fundamental Baptist), 201 East Tenth Street, Dallas. We expect a blessed time of fellowship in the Lord, and hope that souls will be saved. After one week with family and church, we will return to Evansville, Indiana, with Brother Reveal and the Evansville Rescue Mission for eight days, March 3rd to the 10th. Brother Reveal is doing a blessed work with many souls saved. Dr. R. G. Lee, Dr. Harry Rimmer, and other proven men of God will also speak in the extended anniversary campaign Brother Reveal is putting on at the big rescue mission, and we will look forward for much blessing.

born kind, and the twice-born kind. For my part, I have only the once-born kind."

All with the once-born kind are enroute straight to the bottomless pits of Hell. You will never see the kingdom of God. You will never face Jesus Christ in peace. You will never know the joy of eternal life without a new heart, without being born again. Ye must be born again.

Someone says, "But you are so dogmatic." Yes, that is right. "Well, you are so positive." Yes, I am positive. I thank God I know the Bible is the Word of God and I have proven it too long to doubt it now. There was a time when I was a smart college teacher that I doubted some of the Bible. I was too smart. But I learned later on I could find out about God, and I have and I can assure you there is a God and Christ is His Son and the Bible is the Word of God and you have to be born again or you will go to Hell.

And somebody says, "Why does a good man have to be born again?"

I walked down the streets of Chicago some years ago when I was taking post graduate work in Chicago University, and a young lawyer friend of mine said to me, "You are so dogmatic. You folks who believe that way say that one has to come your way."

"No, no. They don't have to come my way. One would go to Hell my way just the same as he would your way. I say that God only has one way for saving sinners, just one, and that is not by joining a church or being baptized or quitting your devilment or making good resolutions. The only way God has is through the blood of Christ. He will give you a new heart. God never saved anybody any other way."

Somebody says, "We are all going to Heaven travelling different routes." No, we are not going to Heaven if we are travelling different routes. God only has one Route, and that is not the Baptist route nor the Presbyterian route nor the Catholic route nor the lodge route — it is the Jesus route. If you don't come to Jesus Christ and get born again, you will wake up where the fire is not quenched and where the worm dieth not. God help you to see it today as an honest, plain-speaking preacher of the gospel tells you what Jesus said. "Ye must be born again!"

Nicodemus was a good man, and you may say, "I am a good man. I pay my debts and am kind to my family. I don't break my marriage vows and I don't cheat and steal. Why do I have to be born again?"

Because all the fixing you ever had is outside, and it must be inside.

Somebody said, "Brother Rice, I never steal."

Yes, I know your mother attended to you good when she caught you stealing and she beat part of it out of you. And later on you got ashamed of it, so you only covet things now, in your heart. You don't break out and steal, but you know all the fixing you ever had was on the outside. You still covet in your heart. You must be born again. All you have ever had has been outside.

Somebody who was riding on a train on the Texas-Pacific Railroad in west Texas said, "My, my! I didn't know you had such peach orchards out here." But those were mesquite trees he was looking at, not peach trees. They are about the same size and grow very much alike, but they have different kind of leaves and fruit. Suppose I live in west Texas (as I once did), and suppose I have a fine, big mesquite tree in my yard. Well, don't suppose it is very big; they don't grow very large. And suppose I said, "Oh, I wish I had some Elberta peaches. Wouldn't it be fine if I had an Elberta peach tree?" And I get a basket of large Elberta peaches and tie them on the mesquite tree with pink ribbons and fix them up. "And now," I say, "I have a peach tree." Is that right? And I say, "See the fine Elberta peaches on my tree?" But after two or three days, the peaches have continued to ripen as they hang there, and the birds peck

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them, and they drop off! Next year when spring comes, and that delicate sheen of green comes out on the branches, the lovely light green of mesquite leaves, do you know what that tree will bear? It will bear *beans* and not *peaches*. Yes, mesquite trees have beans. Do you know what is wrong? You must have not just *new fruit*, but you must have a *new tree*! And God must make that poor, wicked, foul heart of yours right.

You say, "But you would really be surprised how good I am." But just as soon as we got under that sheep skin, we would find the heart of a wolf! When we got under that sepulchre, we would find dead men's bones and maggots and all uncleanness! You have made the outside of the cup clean, but Jesus Himself said you are full of all iniquity and idolatry.

My friends, I beg you, take me seriously. You must have a *new heart*! You must have a heart that is made right with God. Your heart is foul with sin. I know you don't think so, but the Bible says "The heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked; who can know it" (Jer. 17:9). If you don't have a new heart, you are going to Hell, and I beg you now in Jesus' name to turn and be saved and let Jesus make your heart right.

Do you know why you make New Year's resolutions every New Year and some of you can't keep them? You commit sins you never dreamed you would do. You are not fooling anybody. In the imagination and lust of your heart you are the same kind of a dirty sinner as every criminal behind the bars. You are the same kind as everyone else. "There is no difference for all have sinned" (Rom. 3:22, 23). You say, "I am different, too." But the Bible says, "There is no difference, for all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." You came of the same line. Every family tree has some mighty bad things in it. Every closet has a skeleton. Why is it some member of your family is in the penitentiary now? Do you know why? You have rotten blood in you down from Adam, and if you don't have a change of heart, changed and made new, you will wake up in Hell! You need a new heart!

How can I get a new heart? To a man at Wheeler, Texas, an old man seventy-one years old, I said, "Are you a Christian?" And he said, "No, no." I said, "Well, you need God. Why don't you turn and be saved?" And he said, "I don't know how. I have tried everything I know, but the Bible says you have to have a change of heart and I have done everything I know and I can't change my heart." And I said, "Praise the Lord, I know somebody who can." And from this chapter about Nicodemus who didn't understand how to be born again I read to him God's way of being born again:

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

Oh, my friend, God has to change your heart. You say, "I can't understand." Well, listen, Wise Guy, that is not the only thing you don't understand. You live every day in a world you can't understand. It doesn't mean God is a liar because you don't understand.

As William Jennings Bryan so aptly said, "I don't understand how a red cow can eat green grass and give white milk and yellow butter." You don't understand it, I know. Neither did Edison understand about electric lights, but he knew how to make them. Don't wait because you don't understand part of it. The reason you don't understand is that you are at enmity with God, your heart is blinded to spiritual truth, and you are a stranger and alien from grace, a child of wrath and condemned already. That itself proves that you need a new heart.

How can you have it? You can have that new heart today if you trust Jesus Christ today to make it new. Say

"Into my heart, into my heart,
Come into my heart, Lord Jesus.
Come in today, come in to stay,
Come into my heart, Lord Jesus."

Trust Him today to come in and

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own righteousness and have not submitted themselves to God's righteousness." God has a way for man to be made righteous, but here He said they try to be righteous themselves. Most men feel the same way. They say, "Sure, I would like to get to Heaven by doing right." Some of you say the same thing. Your trouble would be that you would have to do right in every detail to be saved and no one ever did that except Jesus. It has to be God's righteousness and not yours. Your righteousness is so insincere, so superficial in God's sight that it is as filthy rags in God's sight. Your righteousness, so-called, cannot save, so God had to provide righteousness free for sinners!

You have to be righteous to have Heaven, but you are only a sinner, and to cover that over does not change a fact. Just to say, "Well, I am not a sinner," or "I am sorry I sin," or to sin as little as you can is not enough. If God is going to be honest, God must punish sin. He must make some way for sin to be punished and yet save the sinner. So God let Jesus die in the sinner's place. He let Him bear all our torments, and take all the punishment sin could lay on Him. God the Father turned His face away from the cross and Jesus cried out, "My God, My God, why hast thou forsaken me?" Jesus died in my place and now I am a forgiven sinner, since my sins are all paid for!

I said before and say again, God has to be a good God, has to be against sin, an honest God against sin, a just God punishing sin if I can trust Him and love Him. I can't trust a grocerman that is not honest and I can't trust God if He is not honest. If a parent does not deal rightly with a child and punish sin and keep his promises, love right and hate wrong, the child cannot trust that parent. If I cannot trust a parent who is not honest, then how can I trust God if He isn't honest? God must make a way for sin to be paid for if a sinner can look to God for salvation. So God being just let Christ die for sinners, and sinners can be saved because sin is all paid for!

If God is honest, God must have sin paid for. But if God is honest, it wouldn't be right to pay twice. If a grocerman is honest, he will not require me to pay twice for some beans, and if God is honest, He doesn't require payment twice for sin. God is honest in having Jesus pay for sin, and God is like-

forgive and save you. Oh, won't you let Jesus come in today and make your heart new? If you will confess you are a sinner and trust Him for forgiveness, trust Him for pardon today and to make your heart right, He will give you peace and forgiveness, and then you can see God in peace.

Have you been born again? If you haven't you had better be now, and the moment you come to Jesus Christ He will give you power to be a child of God. Don't try to change your own heart, just come now as a poor guilty sinner and trust Christ. If you will, I suggest you write to me and say, "I have today come to Jesus Christ. I trust Him now as my Saviour. I risk Him to forgive me. I want Him to give me a new heart."

You can have it. God loves you. Christ died for you. He is ready to make your heart white today and give you forgiveness and peace. It isn't hard. This is the third chapter of John I have been reading to you. Read it today and say, "Lord Jesus, I want a new heart," and you trust Him to give it to you today. Submit yourself to Him, trust Him for it, depend upon Him, claim Him. Won't you take Him today?

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Dear Brother Rice:

Today I come to Jesus Christ and trust Him to be my Saviour, to forgive my sins and give me a new heart as He promised to do. I am glad to confess Him as my Saviour.

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wise honest in not requiring payment from me after He has already collected from Christ. The righteousness of God has paid for sin. Sin has been punished. Sin is condemned. Sin has been dealt with honestly, and then a just God can offer mercy to the sinner. God has made a way of salvation.

Then the third step. First, God is honest in punishing sin. Second, God offered His Son to pay for sin, and third, God had to give the gospel in a divine revelation to save men. God had to write a book to save men. The Bible is a part of God's plan of salvation in this sense. Doesn't the Bible say in Romans 1:16, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek." What is that? The gospel? And if we are to have the gospel, then it has to be revealed from Heaven. It has to be a divine revelation whether it is written in a book or angels tell the shepherds on the hillside. God had to give divine revelation of His plan. He had to give the way of salvation to men. Men get outside the Bible, plenty of evidence that there is a God, but nature does not tell how man may be saved. The heavens declare the glory of God, "but the law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul" (Psa. 19:7).

People don't believe the Bible; they are not willing to take the Bible. They always seek some way for man to get the credit. He wants to do the work and earn salvation himself. That kind always fails. But divine revelation had to be made to show us how honest God was to punish sin, how good God was to furnish the Man to suffer for us and to forgive me when I don't deserve it. Only divine revelation tells us that. Man's reason couldn't make such a plan. That gospel was God-given! The Bible tells how Jesus died to save sinners.

Christ is the theme of the whole Bible, Christ in the Old Testament and in the New Testament. Acts 10:43 says:

"To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins."

That is the theme of the Old Testament and the New Testament likewise. It is the same thing — *believe, believe, believe!* — all the way through. It is the same gospel; that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures. The theme of the Old Testament and of the New Testament is the same.

Then fourth, God then sends the Holy Spirit to convict a sinner. I don't care if Christ has died for sinners, I don't care if God has given the Bible, and I don't care how many preachers have preached it, if God doesn't do this other one thing, nobody will be saved. Preachers ought to remember this. Sunday school teachers, here is where you fail. If God's Holy Spirit doesn't take the invitation to people's hearts, you can invite people and call people, but people are not going to be saved.

People are not running after God to be saved. Did you ever hear of somebody running after God? If anybody ever runs you down and says, "What must I do to be saved?" you can know that the Spirit of God has already run them down first. Nobody is going to seek God until God seeks them. Jesus said, "No man can come to me except the Father which sent me draw him" (Jno. 6:44). And again He said, "And I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto me" (Jno. 12:32). God's part of salvation includes sending the Spirit of God to call sinners, convict sinners. That is a wonderful thing to have people saved.

Some poor, ignorant worker may say, "Well, I haven't much. I do not have an education or any training nor a pleasing personality. I am ignorant."

But the Holy Spirit of God is actually the miracle worker who gets people saved. God sends the Spirit to get people convicted and gets them saved. God calls men by His Spirit. That is God's part in salvation, not primarily yours. Depend on the Holy Spirit to do His work!

The fifth thing God must do about saving sinners is this: He changes the heart. Mark this. A sinner never lived who could change his own heart. He can change his mind. That is a part of repentance but the heart and na-

ture itself, only God can change that. This matter of being born again is not your business. That is the business of the Holy Spirit of God.

Somebody says, perhaps, "Well, I believe you have to transform your life and learn to love what you once hated and hate what you once loved. You have got to turn over your own life and make a new start."

I say, no. Only God gives that change and that change is the miracle of God. Man can't make it. Your part is to trust Christ. Your part is to let the Holy Spirit of God do what you can't do. No sinner ever could make himself good. No sinner that is a child of wrath could make himself a child of God. "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name" (John 1:12). God has to give the power to become a child of God. That is a miracle.

After all, who is responsible for a birth, the child or the parent? Not the baby; it is the parent. All right, who is responsible for a change in a sinner's heart? God is. Still a sinner has to trust for it, but God does all the hard work.

The Christian's Part In Saving Sinners

Now what is our part? That is my second main point. What is our part? Getting sinners saved ought to be proof that Christ is real. Jesus commands us, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in Heaven" (Matt. 5:16). The Scripture says, "Ye are the salt of the earth, but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing (as far as saving anything is concerned), but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men" (Matt. 5:13).

A Christian ought to live a kind of life that will prove Christianity is real.

"It's real, it's real,
Oh, I know it's real.
Praise God, the doubts are settled,
And I know, I know it's real."

A Christian can prove there is a reality to Christianity. First of all, you can prove it by the life you live, by living a life that will indicate to lost sinners, "Here is a man that has something I haven't." Prove second by your happiness in your heart. A Christian who isn't happy tells a lie on God. Your unhappiness says what you have is no good, that the Saviour you have does not fill your need, that what you have you can't recommend, if you can't be a happy Christian. A Christian ought to be happy. I think it was Dr. L. R. Scarborough who said one time that a baby was dying and the unsaved father came to him and said, "Oh, what will I do? My wife is so weak and frail and sickly. The shock will kill her. She worships this baby. Dr. Scarborough, you come and be ready to comfort her."

So when the child died, Dr. Scarborough was there, and he said that mother came and stood by that bedside and smiled through her tears and said, "It is all right. The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away. Blessed be the name of the Lord." She said, "I am not afraid. I can see my baby again."

The father went off with a broken heart and wept and wept. He couldn't get peace. He said to the preacher, "I don't see why it is. I thought my wife would die. I thought it would kill her. She stands it better than I can stand it."

And Dr. Scarborough said, "The reason is because she has Christ and you don't have Christ. She has somebody to help her bear her burden, and you don't have."

And a Christian ought to have joy and victory and peace to prove the reality of Christianity, the reality of Christ. That is the duty of a Christian. He ought to have his prayers answered, ought to have a happy face, ought to be able to stand in temptation and thus prove to every sinner round about that it pays to be a Christian, a child of God.

What else? Every Christian ought to carry the gospel. "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men," Jesus said (Matt. 4:19). God wants you to win somebody yourself.

I remember a sweet thing. Every

Christian can win somebody. Every preacher is the biggest preacher in the world to somebody. To me it was an amazing thing the first time I had a man come to me and say, "I had as soon hear you preach as Dr. George W. Truett. You are a real preacher. I like to hear you preach."

The first time I ever heard that it went to my head. I thought, "Whoopie, I will get a bigger hat after this!" But every preacher has somebody tell him that. Every preacher is the biggest preacher somebody knows. Listen to me, Christians. Every Christian is the best Christian somebody knows! There is someone you can win, and do it easier than anyone else can.

How many, many times I preach to the boys in jail — and you know I love the boys in jail. Each boy had a mother, perhaps, who didn't have family prayer, the mother didn't win him to Christ, didn't read the Bible as she should, neglected the vital discipline, and let her boy become a criminal. Yet many such a boy has talked to me about his mother and said, "I have the best mother any boy ever had!"

You are the best Christian that somebody knows and if you don't get that one saved he is likely not to be saved. In His kindness, God has made it so if you don't win him, that sinner has lost his best chance to be saved.

Somebody will listen to you that won't listen to me and won't listen to anybody else. You had better be wise. God wants every Christian to win somebody. "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in Heaven." Then, "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men." Go ahead and fish, you can win somebody! You can't win everybody, and I can't either, but you can win somebody that I can't!

Then, next, the Christian's part is to pray. I wonder if you know how duty bound you are to pray for me? Paul said in that wonderful sixth chapter of Ephesians, "Put on the whole armour of God, the helmet of salvation, the breastplate of righteousness, the shield of faith, and your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace," and so on, and then use the sword of the Spirit, he said, which is the Word of God, to fight with, and then he said, "Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit for all the saints," and then he pleaded, "And for me that utterance might be given unto me that I may open my mouth boldly to preach the gospel." "And for me!" I wish I could preach to you this morning like an angel from Heaven. I wish I could speak with tongues of men and of angels so that your heart would be stirred and broken and blessed and then when I preached — salvation! PRAY FOR ME! "And for me!" It is the cry of every preacher. It is a Christian's business to pray down the power of God. I want power.

I went out to hear Brother Crimm. One thing that impressed me very much, when the invitation was given, the people stayed there and stood as reverently — some didn't have song books to sing by, but they didn't get up and go away. They didn't leave or talk. I wish my crowd could see that bunch and take a lesson from them. Four churches worked together in that campaign. A woman went out and found a couple of backsliders and brought them in, so happy. Everybody was reverent and prayerful. I tell you, it is the part of a Christian to pray down the power of God on sinners. Nobody will be saved without the Holy Spirit draws him, without conviction. Nobody will ever be saved unless the Spirit of God speaks to him. That is your high privilege. "Brethren, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around."

What else? It is a Christian's duty to send others. I read you where the Scripture said,

"How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?"

We have one missionary now in

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Brazil. I bless God for that. Brother De Assis, a Baptist pastor, was willing to leave his good church and take \$25.00 a month and live on that. He doesn't have any money to run his car, so he will get a horse and buggy. A good man in this church gave \$40.00 to get him the horse and buggy. Now he is living on \$25.00 a month, preaching the gospel. They started services in his own little house but they are planning to build a church house in the interior of the heathen part of Brazil, and preach. I am glad this church sent him. I think we ought to have one in every continent — somebody in China, India, Africa, somebody in Mexi-

co. Those who are saved themselves ought to tell others and ought to send others yet to preach.

Do you know Paul said in Philippians the fourth chapter, "I remember you folk at Philippi, how from the very first you sent to my necessities time and again," and then Paul said, "My God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus," since you have cared for His preacher.

Win others. Win somebody. You remember when you play "Button, button, who's got the button?" You put the button on the string and pass it on. You are not supposed to hold the button in your hand, but keep it going. So when you get the gospel you are not supposed to keep it yourself but pass it on. Send it to others. Pay a missionary, just as you pay your own pastor.

"Have you had a kindness shown you?"

Pass it on!

"Twas not meant for thee alone,

Pass it on!

Let it travel down the years,

Pass it on!

Pass it on to somebody else. That is God's good privilege He has given to us.

I prayed the other day as I went to Kansas. I didn't tell you, but I let it dry some other's tears.

Until in heaven the deed ap-had a blessed trip up there. I got there Tuesday night. Tuesday night we had five saved and one backslider. We had about the same number the next night, and there were a number saved on Thursday night, there were over twenty altogether, I suppose. On the train up to Kansas City, a man got on at Oklahoma City with a five-year-old boy. God through that boy opened the heart of the old daddy. I played with the boy. I petted him and talked to him, and it wasn't long until I said, "Do you have any more children?"

He said, "Yes," and he told me how many.

I said, "Are you a Christian?"

"No."

"You surely need to be, don't you," I said, "with this family."

It wasn't long until he was saved. I remember that I said, "Lord, help me to win somebody today." I came back from lunch and sat down. (A good man took me to the dining car and paid for my

lunch). I heard behind me a woman crying. The nurse came along and asked, "Is there anything I can do?"

"No, no. Never mind, there is nothing anybody can do. I have just lost my husband."

The nurse talked awhile and tried in every way to divert her mind. She brought by a baby and chatted about the country. After a while when the nurse was gone, I said, "Would you mind if I sat down? I am a preacher and I just wanted to talk to you. I couldn't help but know you are in trouble."

"Yes," she said, "my husband died. We were married just last January. I left home and went down to Piedmont, Oklahoma. Now I have just buried him and I am going home to my folk a widow!" She said she hadn't slept for three nights.

"Let me get you something to eat," I said.

"No, no. I haven't eaten in three days."

"Let me get you a cold drink."

"I couldn't swallow it," she said.

I sat down and told her about Jesus Christ. I said, "Do you know there is One Friend that sticketh closer than a brother?"

She knew who I meant, and she said, "Yes."

"Do you know there is One who said, 'Casting all your care upon him for he careth for you'?"

She said, "Yes." And then she said this, "I don't know why I am not a Christian. I ought to be. I have been going to a Baptist revival some, where I lived."

I thought, "Praise the Lord, He sent me to the right place at the right time!" So I said, "Well, the Lord Jesus loves you."

She said, weeping, "Yes, I know I am a sinner." She said, "I am a Lutheran. I was confirmed, I don't know why I never was converted. I want you to pray for me tonight. Will you?"

"I surely will, I told her."

I gave her my booklet, "What Must I Do To Be Saved." She told me she would trust Christ, and I believe she did, and I went on my way. Out of a happy heart I tell that experience to encourage you, my people, to get out the gospel. It is our business to take the gospel to people. We ought to reach what we can around about us, and what we can't reach, let's send it, brother, let's send it!

Joe (Rev. Joe B. Rice, editor's brother) is going to Moody, but how shall he go except he be sent? That is partly my business. Isn't it yours? Don't you think so? Grady is planning to go to Moody. Grady, God bless you. God help others send you! There ought to be some of you to care, too. Hillus Gass is at the World's Fair in New York City giving out tracts—don't you think that is some of your business?

"How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?"

We can't wash our hands and say, "Well, I am not called to go."

You may say, "I don't believe in this denominational program." That doesn't release you. You believe in sending preachers to heathen people, don't you? We ought to do it. We ought to train Sunday school teachers, singers, and preachers, and send them out.

Jesus said, "The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest."

God wants you to send some of those He sends. If we pray, we must help send. We ought to go ourselves and then send others. That is the reason this church ought to have a big missionary budget, a separate budget, with a half-dozen missionaries, and every day the gospel would be preached all around the world, every day the sun shines. Wouldn't it be fine if we had missionaries like that, supported altogether by this church, preaching the gospel? Will you pray about it. God help us to send out soul winners.

The Sinner's Part In Getting Saved
The last thing is this: God's part is all done. It is our part to take the gospel. And now what is the sinner's part?

First of all is to admit you are a sinner. That is easy. I have a tract, "What Must I Do To Be

Saved," and I have a decision slip and on that the first thing I ask the sinner to agree to is, "Realizing that I am a sinner." All right, that is not hard. You ought to admit that. You will never be saved without it. If you are here today and are not a Christian, why don't you say in your heart, "Lord, I admit that I am a sinner."

"Realizing that I am a sinner," that is the first thing. And the next thing, "And believing that Christ died for my sins." That is the second thing you have to do to be saved. Admit you are a sinner and then believe that Christ died for you.

But this passage in Romans tells us about "the word of faith"—what is "the word of faith?"

"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus and shalt believe in thine heart that God has raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved, 'For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation' (Rom. 10:9, 10)."

Do you believe that God raised Jesus from the dead? Yes, perhaps you have believed that all your life. That doesn't save you, but it makes it so you can be saved. You can't be saved until you do believe that. If Jesus was an ordinary man, He couldn't save sinners. But if He is God's Son, if He was born of a virgin, if God raised Him from the dead, if He is coming again, then He can save people. Do you believe Jesus died for sinners? God opened the way. God loves you. Christ died for you. The blood has been shed, sin has been paid for. All right, the second thing is, you can be saved, since you know Christ died.

What is the third thing? I don't think a sinner has to count up, it may all happen like that (snap of the finger). The third thing is to repent of your sin. Turn your heart from your sins. Nobody will be saved that loves his sins and holds on to his sins, and yet says, "I am going to be saved." No, sir. I don't mean being saved is simply quitting your sin outwardly, but being saved requires turning your heart away from sin. Saved people still sin, but saved people have turned their hearts to admit sin and regret their sin, turned their hearts from it and said, "Lord, I am sorry for my sin."

But faith goes with repentance. I don't believe repentance and faith are two different things. I think they are two sides of the same thing.

"If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved."

Will you trust Him to be yours? Confession is not a part of salvation. Confession is proof of salvation.

"With the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

With the mouth, people confess or admit or claim the righteousness of Christ which they received in the heart when they trusted. So then if you want to be saved, admit you are a sinner, believe that Christ died for you and turn from your sin and trust Him to save you. That is not hard. If you want to be saved today, you can. Sinner, can't you say today, "God helping me, I will turn to Jesus Christ and trust Him to forgive me and I will claim Him as mine today?" You will be saved today if you will say that in your heart, sincerely.

I am through. I have preached twenty-nine minutes including the reading of the Scripture. That is a real record for me! Let us all stand. Will you say, "I am going to turn to Jesus Christ and be saved?" Who will say, "I admit I am a sinner, I confess I am a sinner and I believe Jesus died for me and I here and now turn from my sins and trust Christ to forgive me and save me." If you will trust Him He will forgive you and save you. He loves you. The debt is all paid. God wants you to come. You can today if you will.

"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

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from which the editor receives not a cent of profit. Rather, he has had the privilege of investing over \$3,000 for the Lord in printing *The Sword of the Lord* these years, besides paying the salary of secretarial help. The subscription price is all needed for printing, postage, etc. This is purely a non-profit missionary enterprise. The editor, now giving full time to evangelistic work, carries the extra burden of editing this paper, simply as a means of spreading the gospel to every creature, as the Saviour commanded. Don't you want to help?

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